

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

August 13, 2015

7:00 PM Council Chambers

Members Present: Jeff Goldknopf (Chair), Drew Kiefaber (Vice Chair), Andrea Frey, and Ezra Temko (Planning Board Rep)

Member Absent: Bruce Fecteau (*excused*), Fred Pearson (*excused*), Bob Gazda (Alternate), Amy Burns (Town Council Rep - Ex-Officio) (*excused*)

Called to Order: 7:47 PM

Agenda Items:

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments. To accommodate those in the audience present for agenda items, the Chair moved forward in the agenda to Old/New Business.

8. Old/New Business

Schanda Park Usage – Newmarket Community Church: Nate Russell, 13 Kimball Way, is a Deacon at the Newmarket Community Church (NCC). He requested use of Schanda Park for Sunday, September 6, for a fund raiser. The NCC is planning a community-wide Lobster Bake after the morning service. Set-up would begin around 9:00 am and clean-up would begin around 2:00 pm. If it rains, the event would move inside the Church. He hopes to find someone to provide acoustical music. They would be sure that the park would be left in pristine condition. The Chair asked if they had completed a formal application with the town. They had not, but would.

**Action**

Motion: **Drew Kiefaber** moved that the Newmarket Community Church be granted permission to use Schanda Park for a Lobster Bake fund raiser on September 6.

Second: **Jeff Goldknopf**

Vote: Approved 4-0-0

Mr. Russell will get the application completed and the Chair will sign it at Town Hall. Mr. Russell will be responsible to deliver a copy to the NPD.

4. Approval of Minutes

July 9, 2015

**Ezra Temko** made a small change to the draft minutes by email to the Secretary.

**Action**

Motion: **Jeff Goldknopf** moved that the minutes of July 9, 2015 be approved as amended.

Second: **Drew Kiefaber**

Vote: Approved 4-0-0

## 5. Treasurer's Report

**Andrea Frey**, Treasurer, did not receive a report for this past month of expenses. She will track it down and report next month.

## 6. Committee and Subcommittee Reports

Planning Board: **Ezra Temko** reported that the Housing and Demographics Chapter of the Master Plan has been approved and is now posted on the town website:

[http://www.newmarketnh.gov/sites/newmarketnh/files/file/file/housing\\_demo\\_draft.pdf](http://www.newmarketnh.gov/sites/newmarketnh/files/file/file/housing_demo_draft.pdf)

The PB has begun work on the Vision Statement. The next PB meeting will be on 9/15.

## 7. Chairman's Report

Piscassic Loiselle Fence – Check Submittal & Reimbursement: **Jeff Goldknopf** reported that he had completed the repairs to the fence. He purchased 12 rails and made a minor repair to the temporary post and purchased a new post. The total cost was \$201.76 and he has been reimbursed. The CC thanked him for doing this important work.

Land Use Change Tax – Funds Deposited: The land use change taxes for 16 Honeycomb Way and 48 New Road were assessed, collected, and deposited into our account. The total was \$3,755.00. We thank Terri Littlefield and Carol Sheehan in the Town Office for keeping us informed.

Meeting of the Chairs: The meeting of the Town Chairs will be held on August 17 at 6:00 pm. **Jeff Goldknopf** will attend, but he is unsure at this time what the agenda will cover.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting November 7: The NHACC annual meeting will be held on November 7 at Pembroke Academy, Pembroke, NH. More information is available at this site:

<http://www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting45/>

Lubberland Creek Culvert Replacement: A letter of confirmation was sent from the Nature Conservancy which must be signed by the CC Chair and returned so that the Nature Conservancy may ask formally for our \$10,000 donation. They will have a meeting with the engineers in a month or so. The NC will return to the CC after that meeting to discuss the results of the engineering study.

NHDES Drinking Water Source Newsletter: The Chair received the most recent newsletter:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/dwgb/documents/2015-summer-supply-lines.pdf>

Rockingham County Conservation Annual Report: The Chair received the RCC Annual Report and he offered it to members to review.

NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee – North Country Tour: The SFI tour will be held on September 25, 2015 in Errol, NH (Coos County). If anyone on the CC wishes to attend, they will be reimbursed. Members may contact SFI at: <http://www.nhsfi.org/contact-us.html>

LRAC Comments on the Elm Street Subdivision: The Chair received the comments from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee on the Elm Street Subdivision.

Applicant for Full-Time Position on the Conservation Commission: Marianne Hannagan has submitted an application for the full-time position on the CC. Her appointment will be considered at the Town Council meeting on September 2.

DES Application for an Air Permit: The Chair received an application from DES for an Air Permit for the Angel View Pet Cemetery and Crematory, 426 Wadleigh Falls Road. No action will be taken on this application right now. The CC will be given an opportunity to review the application first.

## 8. Old/New Business

'Soak Up the Rain – Great Bay': Laura Byergo from the Great Bay Stewards was unable to remain due to the time delay in beginning the meeting this evening. She requested to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on September 10 to discuss the 'Soak Up the Rain' program. Information about the program may be found at: <http://soaknh.org/>

Elm Street Subdivision – Site Walk & Comments: **Jeff Goldknopf** recused himself. **Ezra Temko** reported that the Technical Review Committee has completed their site walk and the PB will hopefully be discussing the subdivision at their meeting on September 15. If the CC has any comments, the Town Planner would like to hear from us. The small, thin strip along the river will become common land for the proposed 5 lots, so that the HOA members would have access to the river (maybe for a common "dock in the woods"). The setbacks are in place to protect the wetlands. There will be a shoreland DES permit required. **Drew Kiefaber** would like **Ezra Temko** to comment to Diane Hardy that it appears that given the setbacks indicated on the plans, that the structures will be built near Lincoln Ave. and have a wooded buffer to the Lamprey River. This could be an area where Laura Byergo from the 'Soak Up the Rain' project might be interested. The CC would not wish to see this thin strip of land be mowed directly next to the River. The CC did not have specific recommendations for a storm water management plan as long as the buffers remain in place. **Ezra Temko** will see that these comments get to the PB. The CC will have time at the next meeting to discuss this further.

Salon Realty- 438 Wadleigh Falls Road – Letter: The Chair wrote a letter, sent it around to the members, and made changes based on comments. The letter is completed and ready to go on letterhead by the end of this week.

SELT Funding Request – Hayden Preserve on Bald Hill Road: Duane Hyde, Land Conservation Director from the NH Southeast Land Trust, attended the meeting this evening to give a report on the progress thus far on the Hayden Preserve on Ball Hill Road land transfer to the SELT. This property abuts a property that the SELT is looking to acquire close by in Epping making this an ideal SELT asset. After he reviewed the history of the acquisition, he requested the \$4,150.00 promised, so that the SELT might expedite the closure on the property.

**Action**

Motion: **Drew Kiefaber** moved to donate \$4,150.00 to the SELT to be used to support the transactional costs, staff time, and stewardship management fund for the Chinburg Bald Hill Development.

Second: **Jeff Goldknopf**

Vote: Approved 4-0-0

Mr. Chinburg has been given a design for the kiosk and it will be placed in the spring. A gate will be placed across the trail access to prevent motorized vehicle traffic on the site. With the 300 foot safety zone required, hunting may not be permissible on this land except way in the rear of the property. **Jeff Goldknopf** will get the check request into the Town as soon as possible to expedite closure.

19 Osprey Lane – Site Walk and Comments: **Jeff Goldknopf** recused himself. **Ezra Temko** reported that the site walk took place on July 23. He drafted a letter, got some feedback from members, and sent it off to DES. The CC thanked him for writing the letter. Craig Day at DES said that a decision has not been made yet as they are still investigating. Members of the Moody Point Association were in attendance earlier and thanked the CC for our efforts.

Schanda Park Improvements: Topic postponed to the next meeting.

Surface Water Removal Signage: **Bruce Fecteau** let the Chair know that the signs have been ordered and will be ready for installation in 2 weeks.

Friday Town E-Newsletter: **Ezra Temko** was pleased to ask the TA to mention anti-littering in the Friday E-Newsletter for the CC. Many thanks Ezra! This message has been running for several weeks:

What is the harm of throwing one little cigarette butt out the window of your car? Many of us don't realize that cigarette butts on the ground are also going to pollute our local waterways. Butts on the ground are transported by storm water runoff into our local rivers and streams and these add up to a lot. This impacts people, animals, fish, and plants.

Much of the litter washed into our local waterways does not breakdown. This litter then impacts the river and the Great Bay.

How can you help?

- Don't litter
- If you see litter, pick it up
- Participate in local clean up days

Don't throw cigarette butts out the window!

Visioning Document: **Ezra Temko** has agreed to email the document to members. He also mentioned that the Strafford Regional Planning Commission is making a few minor changes to the document and he will send the changes once he receives them.

Wiggin Farm Trail Mowing: **Jeff Goldknopf** reported that the trail has been mowed, but he doesn't know who did it for us. Further investigation is required and thanks to the mower! The CC needs to consider some maintenance issues on the property as the bridge on the property needs a little repair – the hand rails are “flexing” a bit.

## 9. Adjournment

### Action

Motion: **Drew Kiefaber** moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: **Andrea Frey**

Vote: Approved 4-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary